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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No.: 10/055,966; Filed: January 28, 2002
For: **MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES**
Inventor: Krag C. Smith
Our Ref: 269-101P-CIP-WLK

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. Amendment and Response;
2. Return Filing Receipt

We respectfully request that the return filing receipt be date stamped and returned to our courier.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17(a)-(g) which may be required during the entire pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 11-1243. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 11-1243. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Krag C. SMITH, *et al.*

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Art Unit: 1733

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2006, the due date being October 18, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.